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In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: E-831
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Title: METHOD FOR CERTIFYING PUBLIC KEYS USED TO SIGN
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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows, and consider the remarks set forth below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 19: Please rewrite "encrypting information derived" as -- deriving encrypted information--.

Page 6, line 1: Please rewrite " $(\log n)^x$ " as -- $(\log n)$ -- and delete ", where $x < 1$ "

Page 8, line 30: Please rewrite "CERT_{DM}" -- OMC_{DM}--.

Page 9, line 1: Please rewrite "CERT_{DM}" -- OMC_{DM}--.

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